Bokakhat, two important tea growing towns of Upper Assam and the Kaziranga National Park from continuous and unabated erosion by the river Brahmaputra?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) It is reported that bank erosion is active in some reaches in Lakhimpur district and near Tejpur town in Sonetpur district on the North Bank of the Brahmaputra and on the upstream of Dibrugarh town and Moriahola and Kaziranga in Jorhat district on the south bank.

(c) The Central Government has been providing loan assistance to the Government of Assam for the implementation of approved flood control schemes prepared by the State Government in the Brahmaputra Valley since 1974-75. The State Government has prepared anti-erosion schemes to protect the tea gardens along with other interests in Bokakhat (Kaziranga National Park) in District Jorhat and in Nagaghooli-Maijon areas upstream of Dibrugarh from the erosion. These schemes are under examination in the Central Water Commission for their techno-economic viability.

Constitution of a Committee of Power Driven Agricultural Machinery

570. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a committee on power-driven agricultural machinery has recently been constituted; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CORPORATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The desired information is given in the enclosed Statement giving details of Office Order with which the Committee was constituted.

Statement

No. 4-23/84-MY (I&P)
Government of India
Ministry of Agriculture

Krishi Bhavan
New Delhi, dated 30-5-86.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION (AGRL. IMPLEMENT & MACHINERY DIVISION)

Central Agricultural Machinery and Implements Development Council

ORDER

In pursuance to the recommendations made by the Central Agricultural Machinery and Implements Development Council and with the approval of Secretary (A&C), it has been decided to constitute a Committee on Power Driven Agricultural Machinery comprising the following members:—

1. Joint Secretary, Incharge of Agricultural Implements & Machinery Division—*Chairman*
2. Joint Secretary, Deptt. of Industrial Development, New Delhi —*Member*
3. Joint Secretary, (Forestry), Deptt. of Environment Forest & Wildlife, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi.—*Member*
4. Director General, Dte. General Technical Development, Udyog Bhavan, New Delhi—Member.
5. Director Central, Farm Machinery Training & Testing Institute, Budni (M.P.) 466 445—*Member*

6. Directors of Agriculture, Punjab & Karnataka—*Member*

7. Managing Directors of State Agro Industries Corporation, Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat—*Member*

8. Dr. K. N. Singh, General Manager (Farm), G. B. Pant University of Agriculture & Technology, Pantnagar, Pin. 263145 Distt. Nainital (U.P.)—*Member*

9. Shri P. J. Zachariah, Ex-Joint Commissioner (My) 26 Shivali Appartment Alaknanda (S. F. S.) Pocket A, Kalkaji, New Delhi—*Member*

10. A Representative of National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development, Poonam Chambers Shivsagar Estate, Dr. Annie Besant Road, P. B. No. 6552 Worli, Bombay-400018—*Member*

11. A Representative of Bharat Krishak Samaj, Dr. Punjab Rao Krashak Bhavan, Nizamuddin West, Near Police Station, New Delhi.—*Member*

12. Shri G. Jacob, President, Tractors Manufacturers Association, 172, Jor Bagh, New Delhi-3.—*Member*

13. President, Power Tillers Manufacturers Association M/s. VST Tillers & Tractors, No. 1, Devavasandra Industrial Layout, Whitefield Road, Bangalore 560048—*Member*

14. Joint Commissioner (My), Deptt. of Agri. & Cooperation, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi.—*Member-Secretary*

2. *Terms of reference*

The terms of reference of the Power Driven Agricultural Machinery Committee shall be:—

(i) To study the steps essential for economic production of quality agricultural machinery;

(ii) Assistance and measures required to enable manufacturers for production of new and improved equipments and supporting programmes for raw material supply, quality assurance standardisation, distribution/marketing, research and development;

(iii) To study and recommend measures for promoting arrangements for better marketing and helping in devising a system of distribution and sale of agricultural machinery which would be satisfactory to the farmers;

(iv) To study and recommend measures for continuous upgradation of the quality of machines, after-sale service, standardisation etc.;

(v) To study and promote safety measures in the use of agricultural machines;

(vi) To study the existing prices structure, tax structure of agricultural machinery and other related aspects and suggest appropriate measures for cost reduction.

3. The Chairman of the Committee, may nominate, from time to time, additional members to represent interest not already represented on the Committee.

4. TA/DA of non-official members shall be paid as for Group 'A' officers from out of the budget provisions of the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation.

5. The Committee will meet periodically at such time and place as may be decided by the Chairman.

6. The Committee shall submit its recommendations to the Council within 6 months of this order.

Sd/-

(R. K. Srivastava)
Joint Secretary to the Government of India.